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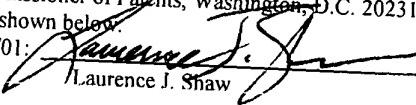
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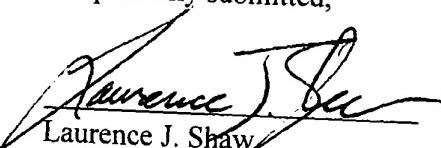
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 15, 2001. The Transmittal Sheet submitted herewith authorizes access to a deposit account for withdrawal of associated fees.

Respectfully submitted,


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